



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5434

January Session, 2001

***AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION ON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED
WITH GAMBLING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 12-818 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, the Connecticut Lottery
4 Corporation shall transfer the sum of eight hundred seventy-five
5 thousand dollars of the revenue received from the sale of lottery tickets
6 to the chronic gamblers treatment and rehabilitation account created
7 pursuant to section 17a-713, as amended by this act. For the fiscal year
8 ending June 30, 2001, [and each fiscal year thereafter,] the Connecticut
9 Lottery Corporation shall transfer the sum of one million two hundred
10 thousand dollars of the revenue received from the sale of lottery tickets
11 to the chronic gamblers treatment and rehabilitation account created
12 pursuant to section 17a-713, as amended by this act. For the fiscal year
13 ending June 30, 2002, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Connecticut
14 Lottery Corporation shall transfer the sum of one million four hundred
15 thousand dollars of the revenue received from the sale of lottery tickets
16 to the chronic gamblers treatment and rehabilitation account created
17 pursuant to section 17a-713, as amended by this act.

18 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17a-713 of the general statutes is
19 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

20 (a) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall
21 establish a program for the treatment and rehabilitation of compulsive
22 gamblers in the state. The program shall provide prevention, treatment
23 and rehabilitation services for chronic gamblers. The department may
24 enter into agreements with subregional planning and action councils
25 and nonprofit organizations to assist in providing these services,
26 provided not less than twenty-five per cent of the amount received
27 pursuant to section 12-818, as amended by this act, annually shall be
28 set aside for contracts with subregional planning and action councils
29 established pursuant to section 17a-671 and nonprofit organizations
30 and not less than five per cent of the amount received pursuant to
31 section 12-818, as amended by this act, annually shall be set aside for a
32 contract with the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling. Two
33 hundred thousand dollars of the amount received pursuant to section
34 12-818, as amended by this act, annually shall be set aside for grants to
35 local and regional boards of education for education programs on the
36 problems associated with gambling pursuant to section 3 of this act.
37 The department may impose a reasonable fee, on a sliding scale, on
38 those participants who can afford to pay for any such services. The
39 department shall implement such program when the account
40 established under subsection (b) of this section is sufficient to meet
41 initial operating expenses. As used in this section "chronic gambler"
42 means a person who is chronically and progressively preoccupied with
43 gambling and the urge to gamble, and with gambling behavior that
44 compromises, disrupts or damages personal, family or vocational
45 pursuits.

46 Sec. 3. (NEW) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction
47 Services shall provide competitive grants to local and regional boards
48 of education for education programs in the public schools on the
49 problems associated with gambling. Local and regional boards of
50 education shall apply for such grants at such time and in such manner
51 as the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services
52 prescribes.

53 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 10-16b of the general statutes is

54 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

55 (d) The State Board of Education shall make available curriculum
56 materials and such other materials as may assist local and regional
57 boards of education in developing instructional programs pursuant to
58 this section. The State Board of Education, within available
59 appropriations and utilizing available resource materials, shall assist
60 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (1)
61 Holocaust education and awareness; (2) the historical events
62 surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (3) African-American
63 history; (4) Puerto Rican history; (5) Native American history; (6)
64 personal financial management; [and] (7) instruction on the problems
65 associated with gambling; and (8) topics approved by the state board
66 upon the request of local or regional boards of education as part of the
67 program of instruction offered pursuant to subsection (a) of this
68 section.

69 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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